

A CHARTER AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

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**AN ORDINANCE AND CHARTER AMENDMENT
ADOPTED UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE
AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF
1965, O.C.G.A., AS AMENDED, SO AS TO AMEND THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 1996
GA. LAWS P. 4469, ET SEQ., APPROVED APRIL 15,
1996; REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE ATLANTA CITY
COUNCIL FROM 15 TO 12 MEMBERS, TO REPEAL
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, The Atlanta City Council is comprised of 12 members elected from individual Council Districts and 3 members elected from at-large Council Posts; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the at-large Council Posts is to provide a holistic perspective for issues affecting citizens that cross district lines; and

WHEREAS, at-large Council Posts no longer provide the citizens of the City of Atlanta with adequate representation for cross-district issues; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the 3 at-large Council Posts would result in more direct representation for Atlanta citizens and a decrease in the City budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows

SECTION 1: That the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Ga. Laws P. 4469, et seq., approved April 15, 1996, Article 2 be hereby amended to reduce the size of the Atlanta City Council from 15 to 12 members by eliminating at-large Council Post 1, at-large Council Post 2 and at-large Council Post 3, effective January 1, 2006.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.